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A thick fog over the Valley this morning made the work of timing the gallops very difficult and in many cases more or less a matter of guess work. The times taken follow—
Moonshine—35; 1.08; 1.43.2/5.
Gentle Cat—33; 1.08.3/5; 1.41.2/5.
Mountain King—37.1/5; 1.17; 1.46.1/5; 2.19; 2.50.
Pawshop—34; 1.10; 2.23.
Sunspot—33; 1.06.2/5; 1.39.2/5.
Allied King—35.3/5; 1.09; 1.42.3/5; 2.17.4/5; 2.48.3/5.
Charles—37.2/5; 1.13; 1.44.3/5.
Louza (1/2 miles last 1)—35; 1.08.1/5; 1.41.
Tredegar and Trelawny—38; 1.15.3/5; 1.52; 2.27. (Tredegar 2.30.1/5).
Sand Martin and Cigar Box—36; 1.09; 1.43.
Sandy—43; 1.07.3/5; 1.39.2/5.
Purity Dahlia—35; 1.09.1/5; 1.41.3/5.
Trumpet—36; 1.12; 1.48.1/5; 2.22.1/5.
Eclipse Dahlia—35; 1.09; 1.41.
Mighty King—38; 1.15; 1.52.2/5; 2.27.2/5; 2.57.3/5.
Kipper and Uncle—40; 1.17; 1.54; 2.30; 3.04.
Ludlow—1.08; 1.44.
Wee Mouse—35; 1.12; 1.48; 2.21.
El Dorado—34; 1.05.2/5.
Valley King—39; 1.15; 1.51; 2.21.
Dunford and Nutford—36.1/5; 1.14.2/5; 1.50.
Sovereign Dahlia—33; 1.05; 1.37.3/5.
Scotchbox and Snuffbox—37.2/5; 1.12.3/5; 1.45.3/5. (Snuffbox 1.47).
Orion—42.2/5; 1.23; 2.39; 3.14.

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SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

Mr. G. L. C. Johnson, chief officer, "Chekiang," is on leave.
Mr. L. G. Fugler, supernumerary chief officer, "Hain Peking," has gone chief officer, "Chekiang."
Mr. A. C. Edwards, third engineer, "Hain Peking," has gone third engineer, "Shengking."
Mr. S. Vaughan, third engineer, "Shengking," has resigned.
Mr. T. S. King, acting master, "Wingsang," has gone supernumerary chief officer, "Tungwo."
Mr. G. D. Grant, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Kutwo."
Mr. A. Buntain, chief engineer, "Kutwo," is on leave.
Mr. A. J. Begley, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Wai Shing."
Mr. P. D. Irdris has been appointed second officer, "Kungping."
Mr. E. Strandell, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Kianghsing."
Mr. W. Bishop, chief officer, "Patriot," has resigned.
Mr. P. C. Hutchence has gone chief officer, "Patriot."
Mr. E. J. Bucknell, second engineer, "Patriot," has resigned.
Mr. R. J. Martin has been appointed second engineer, "Patriot."
Mr. N. E. O. Hansen, chief officer, "Mingshang," is on leave. Mr. A. J. Kalin, from leave, has gone master, "Mingshang."
Mr. C. R. Macdonald, chief officer, "Shinon," has resigned.
Mr. W. C. Youngs has been appointed chief officer, "Shinon."
Mr. J. McNicol has been appointed chief engineer, "Shinon."
Mr. W. O. Nicoll, chief engineer, "Shinon," has resigned.

THE WEEK'S NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES IN CONTROLLED FACTORIES.

Attention may be drawn to the decision delivered by Sheriff Fyfe for the Glasgow Munitions Tribunal. In this decision it was pointed out that, on the cessation of hostilities, the Ministry of Munitions Act, 1918, kept in force certain provisions of the Munitions Act, 1917, including the clause relating to the week's notice, in order to prevent large numbers of workmen suddenly being thrown out of employment. This provision was still in force in all works employed on, or in connection with, munitions. It did not matter that the actual manufacture of munitions had ceased at the armistice. The character of the work itself determined whether it came under the term munitions. Whatever was, or is, the destination of the work, if it was adapted for use in war, though there might now be little chance of its being so used, it was as much munition work as it was at the time of the armistice, for the purpose of this Act embodying the clause relating to the week's notice. There was still "employment on or in connection with munitions work" in the statutory sense. In such works therefore the week's notice had to be given to men prior to their discharge, or wages in lieu.—Engineering.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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THE BRITISH EMPIRE AIR POWER.

LONDON, February 2nd.
Major-General F. H. Sykes' lecture which he delivered before the Geographical Society was attended by a large and most distinguished company which included H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and official representatives of the Dominions. The President (Sir Francis Youngusband) said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was doing Empire work of the greatest importance. He had been successfully endeavouring to put various parts of the Empire on good terms with each other and had done himself a very precious Empire service. He hoped the Prince would learn from the lecture something of how he might in future possibly go to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other parts of the Empire and open Parliaments; and to India to open Durbars.

Major-General Sykes expressed the opinion that if the Empire air power, both Service and civil, were developed and co-ordinated, our air supremacy might in the future be more valuable in assisting to maintain the world's peace than sea supremacy in the past.

Examining air routes Major-General Sykes said that the Egypt-Indian route held out many advantages owing to the great saving of time that was possible compared with sea-voyaging. Similar advantages applied to the route from Cairo to Bushveld, South Africa, offered possibilities which it was impossible to assess. The long seaboard of the two islands of New Zealand seemed chosen by nature for seaplanes. The practicability of Malta as an intermediate landing-ground was now being considered. The lecturer dwelt on the necessity of co-operation by the Post Office. Air mails were the real foundation of the whole system on which Imperial routes must be based. In order to compete successfully in commerce aircraft must aim at completing a journey in one-third of the time taken by other transport.

EX-GERMAN SHIPS IN BRAZIL.

NEW YORK, January 29th.
American shipping firms, including the Oriental Company, are seeking to purchase from Brazil the twenty-eight ex-German steamers which were interned in Brazilian ports.

It is understood that the Allied Reparation Commission question the right of Brazil to sell the ex-German ships.

RIO JANERO, January 30th.
The Government states that it has accepted in principle the offer of an American firm to purchase the ex-German ships now in the custody of Brazil, but, in accordance with an agreement with France entered into on December 3rd, 1917, the Government offered to Brazil the right of pre-emption on the same terms.

The French Government was unable to reply immediately. Therefore, the Brazilian Government postponed the transaction.

CABLE COMPANIES INCREASE CAPITAL.

LODZ, January 30th.
The Eastern and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Companies are both increasing their capital by £1,000,000 each to meet the cost of extending and improving the cable services. The capital will be offered to shareholders at par.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

PARIS, January 30th.
It is reported that the Allied representatives in Siberia are energetically endeavouring to induce the Provisional Government of Irkutsk to release Admiral Kolchak and hand him over to them on condition that he promises not to participate further in politics.

The French newspapers are of opinion that no blame can at present be attached to General Janin, but the allegation against him in connection with the arrest of Admiral Kolchak must be cleared up. General Gouraud, ex-Commander in Chief, French Forces in Siberia, in an interview, declared that Admiral Kolchak had become more and more unpopular, owing to his increasing dictatorial manner.

ITALIAN PROTEST AGAINST SLAVES AND GERMAN CREW.

ROTA, January 30th.
The *Messaggero* strongly urges the Government to prevent the continuance of the scandalous situation whereby the steamers of the Trieste Lloyd going to the Far East have a large percentage of the crew composed of Slaves and Germans. This is injurious to Italian influence and prestige, especially in Japan, whose friendship Italy desires to cultivate.

NORTH BORNEO CHARTERED COMPANY.

LONDON, January 30th.
Sir West Ridgeway (President) and the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone (Director) of the Chartered Company of British North Borneo, left England yesterday on a tour of inspection for North Borneo.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, January 30th.
Mears' Montagu's report of January 29th states that the rise in the price of silver is due to a scanty supply and the strength of the China Exchange and the weakness of the American Exchange.

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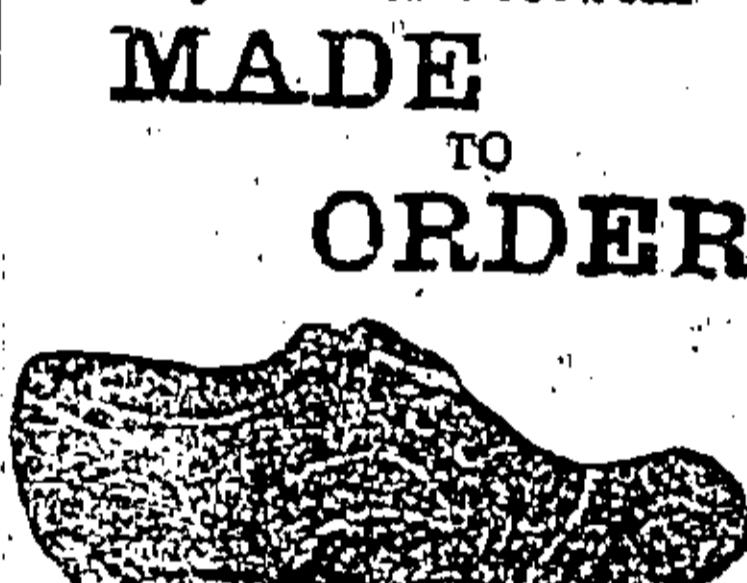


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NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.

A RECORD CHRISTMAS.

There is a tired note in the jubilation of the purveyors of Christmas fare, even now. For they have been overwhelmed by the demand that has fallen upon them. Probably the fact that the fathers are at home has made a big difference.

Anyway, the stores have been jammed from morning till night for weeks, and wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers all say they have had a record.

Another feature of this season has been the very large number of foreign buyers in town. They first tried the manufacturers, and finding them pretty well sold out they had recourse to the large retailers, where they bought whatever they could of high grade supplies at very high prices. They have also ordered all that manufacturers would undertake to deliver within a few months. The fact is that the Continent is bare of goods.

Many of our manufacturers, especially of textiles, are booked up until the Spring of 1921. Weavers are short in Yorkshire, and though all the available looms are at work, the mills cannot keep pace with the demands.

In some other lines, however, such as footwear, there is a readier disposition to accept orders. Steel manufacturers are waking up, especially since the strike in America. We are now exporting steel to New York, in addition to many textiles.

With the New Year will come a big burst of activity, and if masters and men rise together to their opportunity they will soon be doing big things. But before we can get very far, transport by land and sea will have to be infinitely improved. That is the first key to progress.

It is interesting to note, however, that in October the Overseas Trade Department issued an invitation to engineering and associated trades to negotiate with a leading Canadian steel corporation. Only one reply came in, but when the invitation was repeated in December, sixty firms showed eagerness for immediate business.

QUARRELSOME KENTUCKY.

Now that Kentucky whisky has been put into circulation, sometimes what it is and sometimes blended with Irish and Scotch whisky, the public are finding fault with their liquor.

The training of the Royal children has been excellent, and the example is so good that it is a pity more of the rich families do not follow it.

All who come into contact with the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert speak in the highest terms of their manly "simplicity" and "absence of side." Prince Albert is, I hear, to be made a Duke very shortly. The

brothers frequently walk together in town. Nearly every afternoon finds them at the Bath Club. "Two simpler, nicer young English gentlemen could not be desired," writes one who often meets them there. "It is interesting to note that they both carry quite plain walking sticks, not at all comparable with those gold-headed, heavy ones to which more swaggering youths seem addicted."

As nearly every ship that leaves our docks nowadays carries exports of whisky, you may be having some of the effects in your region of the world for long. But if you stick to the leading blends I don't think you will develop the "fighting" characteristics of the Kentucky imber.

It is suggested that it was this characteristic that led America to go "dry," and that it was an artful move to ship into this country all this American whisky, knowing what its effects would be, just when the Prohibitionists are running a stiff campaign to extend the "dry" policy to these islands.

DANCING CRAZE.

There is a perfect dancing craze just now. It was started by young Guardsmen just before the war, and officers home on leave developed the vogue. That brought upon us the jazz cult, which is now rapidly on the wave, except in suburbia.

There is much talk of dancing scandals, but so far as I can discover there is very slight foundation for the talk. It must be borne in



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TEAADS, TEAKWOOD TWIN
TEADS, CARPETS, &c., &c.

comprising:—

field Sofas, Arm-chairs (new),
Fard and Occasional Tables, One
Bed Suite, Bedroom Furniture,
of Teakwood Twin Bedsteads,
Twin Wardrobes, Dressing
Tables and Chairs, Washstands,
etc., etc., Teakwood, Side-
boards, Wagons, Extension Dining
Tables and Chairs, &c., &c.,
Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Clocks, Cutlery, &c., Bath
Roups, Electro-Plated Ware,
and Lighting Lamps, Blackwood,
Black Screens, a quantity of
Screen Furniture, Blackwood Fire
Cabinets, Tables, Chairs,
and seccure, Carpets, now
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RACE PONIES.

NUMBER telegraphic instructions re-
ceived from the Executors of the
late B. D. KAPTEIN,
the undersigned will offer for sale by

PUBLIC AUCTION

at the Grand Stand within the Jockey
Club enclosure by kind permission of the
Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club

on

FRIDAY,

the 6th February, at 8 o'clock a.m.,
the undermentioned pony with his
engagements, as entered for the
forthcoming Race Meeting
RUNAWAY LIGHT, Dan, 13.0 hands
(winner of races).
AlsoSundry Blankets, Bridles, &c., &c.
For further particulars, apply to the
AuctioneersMessrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,
Hongkong, February 4, 1920.THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction

(For Account of the Concerned),

on

THURSDAY,
February 19, 1920, at 10.30 a.m., at
No. 10 Knutsford Terrace, Top Flat,
THEValuable Household Furniture,
therin contained,
comprising:—Fumed Teakwood Hallstand and
Dining Room Furniture, Morocco
Leather-covered Chesterfield Sofa
and Armchairs, Pictures, Ornaments,
and Sundry Blackwood Furniture,
large and small, Teakwood Bed-
steads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables,
&c., Bed and Table Linen, Cutlery
and Plated Ware, including large
Dinner Service complete, New
Aluminum Cooking Utensils, Bath
Room Utensils, &c., &c.

Also

Pot Plants, Electric Fittings,
Singer's Sewing Machine, and one
Large Hall Clock.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

Terms:—Cash.

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Auctioneers,
Hongkong, February 4, 1920.

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SATURDAY,
February 7, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.One upright Piano by Rachals and
Co., Good Tone, Very Good Condition.

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Each additional 5 words 4 Cents.

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Hongkong, February 4, 1920.

TO LET.

TO LET.—BURNBANK, Shauki-
wan Road, Shauki-wan, \$70 per month.
Apply C. E. WARREN & Co., Ltd.TO LET.—A GODOWN at Yaumaf-
tung, Apply to The Hongkong Land
Reclamation Ltd.TO LET.—4 ROOMED FLAT, top of
Princess Building, fully furnished,
from April 1st to October 31st 1920.
For full particulars apply to GILMAN &
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from middle February.
5 ROOMED furnished Sunelow at
The Peak from early March. Apply to
LIMSTAD & DAVIS.TO LET.—A SHOP in Nathan Road,
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NOTES.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-THREE ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWS &
CO., LTD. on FRIDAY, February 6,
1920, at NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
and the Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1919.THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, January 29, 1920 to FRIDAY,
February 6, 1920, BOTH DAYS
INCLUSIVE.By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1920.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the FIRST ORDINARY YEAR-LY MEETING of Shareholders of
the Company will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Road Central, on
SATURDAY, 7th February 1920, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a Statement
of Accounts for the Year ending
31st December 1919.The Register of Shares of the
Company will be CLOSED from
MONDAY 26th January to 7th February
1920 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 26, 1920.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEEN ANNUAL GEN-

ERAL MEETING of Shareholders
will be held in the Offices of Messrs.
DODWELL & CO., LTD. on MONDAY,
9th February, 1920, at 11 A.M.
for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts for the
Year ending 31st December 1919.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
2nd to 9th February, 1920, both dates
inclusive.DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1920.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ORDIN-

ARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held
at the Office of the Company, Hotel
Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 10th
FEBRUARY, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving a Report of
the Directors, together with a Statement
of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and
electing Directors and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company, will be CLOSED from Jan-
uary 27th to February 10, 1920, both
dates inclusive.By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

Agents.

MOTOR THE REPUBLIC MOTOR BOAT
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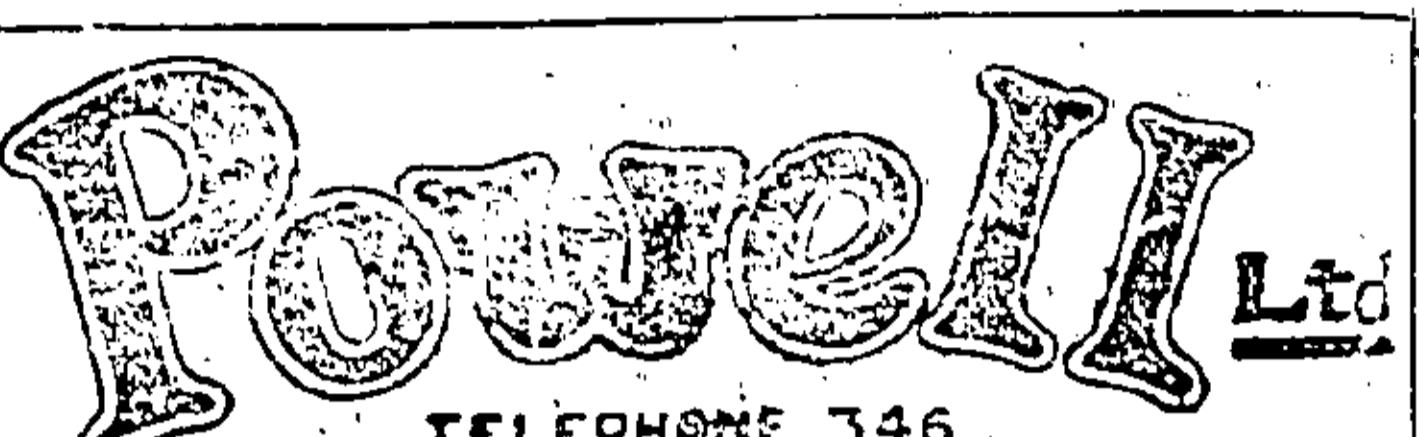
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JUST RECEIVED
SMART RAINCOATS
FOR LADIES
AND
OILSKIN COATS
WITH
SOU' WESTERS TO MATCH
FOR
BOYS and GIRLS.

DEATH.

JOSEPH.—Mrs. Sophia Joseph, wife of the late Mr. J. A. Joseph, at her residence, this morning, in Rockymount Conduit Road. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m., to-day. Aged 73 years.

The China Mail.

WRAITH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 1920.

THE RICE BOTCH.

In spite of the long and glozed apologies of the Government, artfully withheld until the public had more or less lost interest in the subject, it is generally considered in Hongkong that the Government when dealing with the rice crisis made a botch of it. The *China Mail* has already called attention to gross carelessness that is not even mentioned in the Government report. A Government cheque for a very large amount was tendered to a firm that had already been paid, and that returned the duplicate payment with an intimation to that effect. We have now to recall our advice given to the Government at the time, as to how to deal faithfully with the profiteers, to note their lame excuses for not acting upon that advice, and to point out and emphasise the indistinguishable fact that the merely hypothetical advantages they claim to have secured by disregarding the *China Mail's* advice have been dearly bought with a loss of somewhat near three million dollars. The author of the interim report thinks that "the indirect advantage to the Colony of the policy [policy] of non-interference with the ordinary rice trade cannot be reckoned in dollars." We make basic to endorse that, for we wouldn't undertake to reckon it in cents, let alone dollars. You have to watch these people playing with words as you have to watch a conjurer handling a pack of cards. Note that they take credit for a policy of non-interference with the ordinary rice trade of the Colony. The *China Mail* never asked them to touch the ordinary rice trade. We urged them to tackle the extraordinary profiteering and gambling that was going on, to the serious detriment of all the ordinary trade of our port, and they wouldn't do it. Why? Other governments could tackle profiteers. Why couldn't they? Why should they have shown such consideration for wealthy gamblers? The report doesn't tell us. It never mentions that. Both for the things it doesn't say and for the things it does, it must be regarded as a damning report. It

an embargo on handkerchiefs, all the men in the Manchester mills would cut off their noses. If we have the best "geographical position," if we have unrivalled facilities, we will always have the trade. We have no fear of that.

But now we come to the point where the botch was really made. Granting for the sake of argument that the correct policy was to let exports and gamblers alone, and to "control prices" locally, did the Government enter the rice market wisely? Did it not make a botch of it? Didn't it even forget its own policy of non-interference by commanding stocks held for export, thereby endangering contracts? Didn't its advent as a buyer make the gamblers busier and happier than ever, and shove up the already sky-high prices? Is it not a fact that the mere publication in the *China Mail* of the proposal to restrict exports fetched the prices down a bit, only to be shoved up again by the Government's actions? Grant that there was a chance of scaring away (if only for a time) some of our entrepot trade in rice, wasn't it a certainty that by the procedure adopted we should lose more in a month or two than that trade would be worth to us in a year? The answer is in the affirmative. "It was realized that the Government would have to face a considerable loss." Very well, then. Wasn't a chance and still insist on it being a small chance? a lesser evil than a certainty? Isn't it wisdom to choose the lesser of two evils?

The report plumes itself on "the valuable experience gained." Valuable is certainly *not* past. So, we think, is "botch."

EDUCATION IN HONGKONG.

Somebody said, the other day, that "Whitaker" provided interesting reading. He does! Dealing with Hongkong, Whitaker says "much encouragement is given by the Government to education in the Colony." Saifyinguan School is the tangible proof of the "encouragement" to education by the Government. Pupils are turned away and a play ground measuring about thirty by ten yards accommodates over 350 boys. Matsches for class rooms and other inadequate provision for schoolboys, of a nature calculated to knock the stuffing out of any enthusiastic schoolmaster, constitute the "encouragement." And yet within two minutes walk of Saifyinguan School there exists a building, situated in the centre of a vast compound, which is practically unused. We commend these facts to the editor of Whitaker. No doubt the Government will find it "interesting" reading.

ADVERSARIA.

Having had a peep at WE TAKE the proof sheets of the IT ALL "leader" which assumes pride of place to-day in these columns (although all good judges declare that an ounce of "adversaria" is worth a ton of leader) we take back all we have ever said about the stupidity of leader-writers. Our usually stodgy colleague has achieved something like straightforward talk in his article on what he calls "the rice botch." "Botch" is a good word with an explosive value. If we may say so without seeming to boast, which would be wrong, he has caught something of our own lipid style. All the same, as we said when we refused to tackle that rice report, it only amounts to "crying over spilled milk."

What a pity "Bene-SOME POETRY, dictus" left Hongkong for Shanghai. We fear they will not appreciate his poems up there as much as we did. Here is the concluding stanza of one he has recently "humbly dedicated to one of the R-sisters." By yonder gallant insects on the sea,

I swear to own thy honeyed lips and cheeks,
Sweet earthly paradise that mortal seeks,
Fair Angel of my dreams, I'll find in thee!

It must be admitted by all lovers of true poetry, that when "Benedictus" gets to "gallant insects on the sea" he comes well up to scratch.

Tell of "throwing stones and spreading circles! One cannot be too careful. Who would have thought that when we remarked quite incidentally and casually long, long ago in this column that Editor Young of Kobe was one of the best two leader-writers in the Orient, we should have brought upon him a vicious personal attack a column long in the semiterrible columns of the *Kobe Herald*, an obscure little sheet which we would expect to be used in Kobe for soap wrapping purposes? Although it could not seriously annoy the great man (for Robert Young is a great man) we feel we ought to apologise to him. We didn't mean it.

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because the character and diction of his letter betrays sufficient. It begins: "A recent issue of the *China Mail*, Hongkong, contained the surprising information that one of the two best leader-writers in the Orient is Editor Young of Kobe." It says one of the things the writer has always detested to do is to indulge in personalities—and then plunges into "em bald-headed. We don't share that canting objection to personalities. The Bible is full of them. All straightforward writing consists of them. Eulogies are personalities. Who objects to them? However...

We propose to be as THE "personal" about JACKANAPES, this jackanapes, this buttercup, as we would be about Judas Iscariot, or Jack the Ripper, or any other popular hero, because (if he isn't a hireling dummy put up to throw stones for somebody else) his impudence in daring to pretend to have an opinion on such a subject deserves a whipping. His English is not good enough. His intellect would be more appropriately occupied in a rabbit hutch, separating good lettuce from bad. It is as plain as a pikestaff that when we praised Mr. Young as a leader-writer we were thinking of his erudition, his composition, his conspicuous style, and not of his personal preferences in politics. Yet this journalistic rodent refers throughout to his politics, only once touching on his English, and then to tell a ludicrous lie.

In a long letter of almost Babu English, this *Kobe Herald* lunatic has the amazing effrontry to accuse Mr. Young of "stereotyped phrases." Blockhead! He says Mr. Young "delights in emulating the spirit of contradiction." Ass! Of course he does, (though "emulating" wasn't the right word) since he happens to be a lonesome learned and wise man in the midst of a crowd of jabbering journalistic idiots. Finally, Mr. S. R. de C. Josey-nosey suggests that the *China Mail* must be joking. We were not, and we are not joking now, when we say that the editor of the *Kobe Herald* ought to be ashamed of himself for publishing such a spiteful, stupid letter. If no men were employed on newspaper staffs in the Far East other than those who could pass some test of educational fitness, the market value of the few able ones would be remarkably enhanced. Between the *Japan Chronicle* (Mr. Young's paper) and the piffing publication in which this offensive criticism appeared, the difference is as that between the sun and a tin lantern.

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SPECIAL CABLE.

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[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL]

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CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tse Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI Feb. 4. It was decided at the Cabinet Meeting that in dealing with the Shantung case moderation should be observed. Suggestions to take drastic measures will not be accepted.

The students' decision to strike has been abandoned in favour of resumption of schooling. They however propose that their spare hours be taken up for the delivery of Speeches to the Public.

The Ministers of Finance and War have jointly telegraphed to all provincial authorities that the military expenditure be reduced to a minimum as the military cost for the 8th year of the Republic is already \$16,000,000 above the estimate.

Tientsin is under martial law.

It is reported that the Japanese Minister at Peking has received instructions from his home Government to oppose the Shantung case being dealt with by Mr. Lu Chink Chang, and also to suggest that the conference for the case be removed to Tokyo.

Admiral Sah Chun Ping, the naval Minister, proposes to reform the Lungkow harbour, Shantung, as a naval base.

THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE.

Before an audience of about a hundred people among whom were many University students, Prof. Ferguson, who arrived here in the middle of January to teach Education at the University, gave a most interesting talk on Wednesday afternoon about Lord Dunstan's plays. He introduced in a concise manner the author and his leading ideas, which are a sardonic view of life and a great love for dream. One of Lord Dunstan's favourite characters exclaims: "There is still place for mystery and wonder of things even in this world of science that is 'of truth.' In one of his most popular comedies 'The Tents of the Arabs' we see both king and camel-driver lost in the world of dreams. But such a privilege should not be bestowed on sovereigns: 'A King's crown should be tied to a gold chain and a sceptre driven stake-wise into the ground so that a King may be chained to it.'

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THE CASTLEFIELD CHARTER PARTY CASE.

APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before a full Court, the Chief Justice and Justice Gompertz sitting, application was made by Toong Yue for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Full Court of appeal of Hongkong, delivered on January 17th last, in the case in which the Castlefield Steamship Company and the Attorney General claimed from Toong Yue, shipowner of Shanghai, damage for breach of a Charter Party.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

GOVERNOR RECEIVES DEPUTATION.

Yesterday the Governor received a deputation of the Committee of the Constitutional Reform Association.

It is understood His Excellency expressed himself sympathetically upon the question of the principle of election, instead of nomination, in the case of the non-Chinese unofficial members of the Legislative Council, also upon the question of there being a larger electoral body that at present for the election of some of the unofficial members.

Dr. Jordan concluded by inviting the audience to attend the 3rd performances of the first and the latter play to be given this month by the Hongkong University Students' Union, which will be a revelation of what Orientals well trained under tuition can do in that line.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 8d.

Commencing from date and until further notice, the train at present advertised to leave Kowloon at 12.1 p.m. on Saturdays only will be run on ordinary week days, returning from Shum Chun at 5.04 p.m.

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Spend your evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL]

Mr. Peter Hing has gone to America to see about buying material for the Canton Street trams. Construction surveys begin at once. Meanwhile, motor buses will run, four being expected soon. The city wall is expected to be down by the end of March, all but the northern section, for the demolition of which there is no immediate occasion.

The military government is going to issue premium bonds.

COMPANY MEETING.

KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO. LTD.

The annual general meeting of the above Company was held in the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, to-day, Mr. T. F. Hough presiding. The others present were Messrs. G. W. Barton, J. Rodger and T. E. Pearce (Directors), W. J. Wilkinson, L. S. Greenhill and R. Tatam (shareholders), and M. S. Northcote (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,

The report and accounts having been in your possession for some days may be taken as read.

The net profit for the year \$18,922.46 shows a slight improvement over the previous year mainly due to a decrease in the repairs bill, Rent account itself being only about \$1,600 better.

This improvement enables us to

pay a dividend of \$3.00 per share, a figure which has not been reached

since the year 1914.

You will recollect that at our general meeting last year the Chairman stated that the suggestion had been made that by a redevelopment of our property the company would reap greater benefit. Your Directors have gone into this matter, and in view of the existing scarcity of houses in Kowloon they have come to the conclusion that the times are inopportune for the pulling down and rebuilding of our existing houses and they have therefore decided to postpone for the present any action in this direction.

There is, however, no question that

something of this nature must eventually be taken in hand. Meantime the property is being thoroughly revalued at considerable cost.

You have no doubt read a great deal in the public press on the subject of rent raising in Kowloon and our property amongst others has been referred to. We are not concerned with the action of other companies or individuals, but it may perhaps be well that I should say a few words on the subject so far as it concerns ourselves. As far back as 1914 the monthly rent prevailing for each of our houses in Knutsford Terrace was \$100.00. In 1915 when about 50% of our tenants from various causes left the colony and the supply of houses exceeded the demand, our rents were somewhat reduced so as to keep the premises occupied, but the demand now having exceeded the supply our rents have automatically risen until they are again upon a prewar basis and they are not in our opinion excessive.

The report and statement of accounts were adopted on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. W. Barton.

Mr. G. W. Barton was confirmed on the Directorate, on the proposition of Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Tatam.

Messrs. T. F. Hough and T. E. Pearce were reelected Directors, on the proposition of Mr. Rodger, seconded by Mr. Northcote.

Mr. H. Percy Smith was reelected Auditor with a remuneration of \$50, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Pearce.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready, and could be obtained on application to the office.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

THE ENERGY OF THE ATOM.

Is there any concealed store of energy recently discovered and not yet utilised? There is indeed. There are two—one certain, the other rather hypothetical: the energy of the Atom and the energy of the Ether. I propose to say nothing about etheric energy. If it exists, as I think it does, it is enormous, exceeding the bounds of imagination; but at present it is utterly beyond our reach. Atomic energy is rather inaccessible too, but not hopelessly so. It is far less in amount than etheric energy, but it is immense compared with any form of chemical or molecular energy, such as that derived from combustion, or explosives.

By atomic energy I mean the constitutive energy of an atom—the energy which makes it what it is. If this energy is given up in any considerable degree the substance ceases to be what it was, and becomes a substance lower down in the scale.

Utilisation of atomic energy would involve the degradation of matter.

The term is purely technical—it has been already applied to energy without moral stigma. All it means is that heavy atoms may become lighter atoms, and in so doing must give off a definite proportion of their great store of energy.

This spontaneously happens in the phenomenon known as radio-activity. If it had not spontaneously happened, we should have known nothing about the energy concealed in an atom.

The explosive or radio-active atom has given the secret away. All atoms possess energy, but some cannot hold

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held today at noon. Those present were:

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) The General Officer Commanding the Troops. (Major-General Francis Ventris C.B.)

The Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. Claud Sevren, C.M.G.)

The Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.M.G.)

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer (Mr. R. O. Hutchinson)

The Hon. Director of Public Works (Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.)

The Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E.)

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe)

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E. (Clerk to Councils).

RENT PROFITEERING.

Hon. Mr. Pollock gave notice that at the next meeting he would ask:—In view of the serious economic position which is being created by the continued raising of rents in the Southern portion of the Kowloon Peninsula, will the Government state what steps it is taking with a view to controlling or regulating such raising of rents?

His Excellency said he would with permission, like to make a statement on this matter. His attention had been called to a case which appeared to be a bad case of profiteering; but he could express no definitive opinion for the moment as he had not heard the landlord's side. He was taking steps to hear what he had to say. At the last meeting he mentioned certain reasons which he believed to be sound economic reasons against interference with rents between landlord and tenant if possible. If any thing he said gave the impression that the government would sit still and fold its hands while the existing shortage of accommodation was exploited for private gain, it was high time that impression should be removed. He was reluctant to take action but if it were necessary he would invite the Council to agree to the appointment of a Fair Rents Tribunal before which a landlord would be required to prove his case before raising rents.

HON. MR. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

QUESTION.

1. Is it a fact that the Indians on the Jail staff are recruited locally and the Indians in the Police are culled in India? If so, what is the explanation? Will the Government put both Services on the same footing in regards to the field for recruitment?

ANSWER.

1. The practice of recruiting Indian police in India has been instituted very recently; and, perhaps owing to circumstances connected with the war, the standard of recruits cannot be said to be a material improvement on that obtained by the former system of local recruiting. In these circumstances it is premature to come to a definite decision but, if recruiting in India for the Police should prove successful, it will probably be practicable to extend the system to the Gaol Staff.

QUESTION.

2. Was Government rice supplied to the prisoners in the Jail during the rice control period last year? Was this rice inferior in quality to the rice which had been previously supplied?

ANSWER.

Government rice was supplied to the Gaol from August to November, 1919. This rice was white rice of good quality. The rice previously issued was what is known as red rice, of which no supplies were then obtainable. The two kinds of rice are so different that it is impossible to say that one is inferior to the other.

QUESTION.

3. Is the food which prisoners in the Jail refused or were unable to eat added to surplus and sold by the Government? If so, how many pounds of surplus food was so sold during each month in the last six months of the year 1919?

ANSWER.

Waste in cooking and returned food are sold. No record is kept of the weight but the daily averages, with a population of 700, are approximately 80 lbs. waste in food. During the time white rice was being supplied the amount of returned food was about 25 lbs daily.

EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to make provision with regard to the execution of instruments under seal by the agents of certain foreign corporations.

The Hon. Attorney-General said:—The Bill proposed to exempt certain transactions from some technical rules of English law, which caused inconvenience and delay. English law required that an agent executing an

instrument under seal, his authority must also be under seal. There were certain foreign corporations, for instance French and Belgian corporations, which had no common seal and they found it inconvenient to comply with that rule. That might seem insufficient reason for altering the law and it might be said that corporations which came here should comply with the law. Transactions had been delayed owing to the form of authority held by agents being insufficient and doubt had been thrown on titles by the fact of past assignments having take place under power of attorney which did not strictly comply with the law. It was therefore proposed to provide that if the law of the foreign state required no seal to a power of attorney, it shall be sufficient for the execution of assignments of land here. The Ordinance was made retrospective in order, to allay any doubt on existing titles leaseholds which had been dealt with by assignment under an unsealed power of attorney.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second and third time. The Council then adjourned sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following votes recommended by H. E. the Governor came before the Finance Committee and were approved:

\$1,500 in aid of the vote Public Works Extraordinary, Kowloon Buildings, Latrines and Urines Latrine at junction of Ning Po and Wo Sung Streets.

\$6,399 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Training Stream in the Lam Chun Valley, New Territories.

\$600 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure.

Erection of an iron shed.

\$7,352 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police Personal Emoluments.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force.

He explained that the Bill was founded on the Volunteer Ordinance of 1893, which in turn was based on the English act of 1863. The present Bill closely followed the Volunteer Ordinance. It was therefore unnecessary for him to refer to any detail but he would like to draw attention to one or two main points. Enlistment would, of course, be entirely voluntary and there was no transfer by the Ordinance from the present Corps to the new one, but it was hoped that all men of suitable age would realise their duty to the community by joining the corps. Situations might arise in which every able bodied man who was able to handle a rifle might be necessary. Clause 12 had been altered slightly in order to emphasise one of the objects for which this force was desirable. There were two reasons—defence against foreign enemies and in order to assist the police and regular forces in case of any serious local disturbance. Another alteration was in clause 5 sub. section 3 under which a volunteer on joining was deemed to have engaged to serve for three years, and if he left the Corps before the expiration of that period he had to pay a certain sum into the funds of the Corps. The sum would not be payable if the volunteer intended to leave the Colony for a period of one year or, if the service of the Administrative Commandant might consider reasonable, and bonds of fidelity.

If he was dismissed for insubordination or inefficiency he would still be liable to pay this money into the funds of the Corps. The last clause provided for the repealing of the Volunteer and Volunteer Reserve Ordinances from a date which would be notified and proclaimed by His Excellency, the object being to keep alive some organisation to look after the property of the existing corps until the new corps was sufficiently organised.

The Attorney-General then made reference to training in the new corps and moved the second reading.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said with regard to Sub-Section three of clause five, he would like to know why particular sums were put in.

The Hon. Attorney-General said they were recommended by the Committee which considered the regulations. The former fines for inefficiency and such like had disappeared.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: Why have these particular sums been put in? Is it because of expenses incurred if a member leaves during the period stated?

The Hon. Attorney-General said he thought it was for the purpose of discouraging men from joining and then did not like to do duty and drills and wanted to leave again. If a man did that, it was desired that he should pay a certain sum towards the funds of the Corps.

Mr. Pollock asked did the sums represent a certain expenditure by the Government?

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe: There is the cost of uniform.

His Excellency: A certain sum of money must be expended by the Government.

Mr. Pollock: Is it proposed to give the men a new set of uniform?

His Excellency: I think the uniform must be new because of the badges.

Mr. Pollock: The badges could surely be altered?

The Bill then passed its second and third readings.

TREATY OF PEACE ORDER.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Hon. Attorney-General said the Treaty of Peace did not alter municipal law and when the Treaty required that municipal law should be altered, legislation was necessary.

The Treaty of Peace act of 1919 gave His Majesty power to alter municipal law by an order-in-council and to

legislate for the purpose of bringing into force certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace signed with Germany and an order-in-council had been issued, known as the Treaty of Peace Order of 1919. That order was, of course, mainly drawn up with a view to legislation in the United Kingdom and did not apply to a Crown Colony.

The Bill was intended to make the necessary alteration in the Treaty of Peace Order for the purpose of adapting it to the existing circumstances in Hongkong, such as reference to Hongkong currency, instead of English currency, etc.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second and third time.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

LOCAL STEAMER DEAL.

The China Mail is informed by Messrs. Nemaze and Company, that they have sold to the Douglas Steamship Company the vessel "Mariatta".

The purchase price being \$330,000.

The "Mariatta" was a quite recent acquisition by Messrs. Nemaze who purchased the vessel from a Melbourne firm.

The "Mariatta" was built in 1911.

Her gross register is 1,515 tons and her net register 976 tons. Her deadweight including bunkers, is 1,450 tons, and her speed about 12 knots on about 30 tons of best Japanese coal per day. The length overall is 240 feet, her breadth 40 feet and her depth 15 feet. She has accommodation for 50 first-class and 50 second-class passengers. Her original owners were the Adelaide Steamship Company.

OBITUARY.

MRS. SOPHIA JOSEPH.

We regret to record the death from influenza of Mrs. Sophia Joseph, of Rockmount, Conduit Road, which took place to-day at the age of 73.

The deceased lady was the widow of the late Mr. J. A. Joseph, formerly a well known exchange broker of the Colony. Her two sons, Messrs. J. E. and F. E. Joseph, are here also in the brokering business.

2,800 lbs FOR A MORE PORTARIT.

Not often does a painter dare to flout a King, but Sir Antonio More once overstepped the mark with Philip of Spain, the husband of Mary I. The King, who was on familiar terms with the artist (who painted so many Spanish Royal portraits) was, one day, admiring one of More's works on the easel, when he slapped the painter on the back. More—taking a liberty—ventured playfully to smear the King's hands with his brush full of carmine, promptly sinking his knees to beg for forgiveness when he saw the look on the face of Philip. More was pardoned, yet deemed it advisable to leave Spain very soon afterwards.

Not often does a more portrait appear at Christie's. One of the Protector, Edward Duke of Somerset, was offered recently and realised as much as 2,800gs (Frank Sabin).

It is interesting to recall that More's portrait of Anne Stanhope, Duchess of Somerset, holding a miniature of the Protector, was sold for only 8gs in the Strawberry Hill sale, 1842.

In 1897 the More "La Bella Isabel" made 530gs. A remarkably fine More portrait of Sir Thomas Gresham is in the National Portrait Gallery. Other works sold recently were a Solomon Ryndel landscape of a ford, 480gs (Tooth Bros) and a portrait of a child by N. Dance, R.A., 390gs (T. Robinson).

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. E. STERLING, Capt. G. L. Smith,

2,972 tons, arrived yesterday at 7 a.m.

from Kowloon with 600 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. HIIWONG, Capt. P. Horner,

3,061 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 a.m. from Balikpapan, with 2,16 tons of sugar, 181 tons of cracked, 479 tons of fuel oil, 194 tons of paraffin wax, 1,84 tons of ratton and 47 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. CHA G. BOW, Capt. P. Horner,

1,041 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 a.m. from Kowloon with 100 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. WAR STRIDER, Capt. G. Williams, 1,661 tons, arrived yesterday at 4 p.m. from Tsurukawa with 700 tons of fuel oil.

The s.s. GREGORY A. GALT, Capt. H. G. Ellis, 2,968 tons, arrived yesterday at 3 p.m. from Moji with 50 tons of general cargo.

WEST POINT FIRE.

NINE MORE BODIES FOUND.

Nine more bodies have been discovered, bringing the total of victims in yesterday's big fire at West Point to 42. At the time of writing the firemen were still working on the shoulder-deep debris.

FAMOUS PARIS HOTEL.

The transformation of the Place Vendome might well form the subject for a picturesque chapter of history. From a quiet, dignified square, flanked by Government offices and stately private houses, it has become a business centre, and this within the space of half a century.

The Hotel Bristol, founded in 1865 by an Englishman, Mr. Morlock,

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the war, its fortunes were crowned by a visit from the future King Edward VII., who made it his favourite

stopping-place in Paris. Other royal personages followed the example of the then Prince of Wales, and the Hotel Bristol can boast a number of royal autographs not to be found in many European hotels.

One of the most interesting episodes

in the annals of the hotel, says the Excelsior, took place in 1886, when the Duke of Braganza, afterwards

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San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan, etc.	Korea Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 23rd February.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, etc.	Korea Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 24th February.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, etc.	Ecuador	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 25th Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, etc.	Venezuela	China Mail as. Co., Ltd.	On 26th March.
Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria & Vancouver	Nile	The Admiral Line	About 3rd Feb.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma	Iconium	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 5th February.
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle via Shil.	Artica Maru	The Admiral Line	On 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan, etc.	Kashima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd March.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan, etc.	Mooyeigai	Canadian O.S. Ltd.	On 11th March.
New York via Suez.	Empress of Russia	Canadian O.S. Ltd.	About 24th March.
Australasia Ports via Manila	Luxembourg	Butterfield & Swire or The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
Australasia Ports via Japan	Aki Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 13th Mar.
New York via Panama	Maya Maru	Butterfield & Swire or The Bank Line, Ltd.	About 10th Feb.
Portland	Surin	The Admiral Line	About 13th Feb.
New York via Panama	Montague	Dodwell & Co. Ltd.	About 15th February.
Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria & Vancouver	St. Andrew	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st Feb., at 11 a.m.
Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria & Vancouver	Tango Maru	P. & O. B.I. & A.L.	On 10th Feb.
Shanghai & Tsinling	Kashmir	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 12th Feb.
Shanghai	Yingchow	Butterfield & Swire	On 15th Feb. at Noon.
Calcutta via Straits & Rangoon	Sunning	Butterfield & Swire	Middle of February.
Singapore, Penang & Belawan-Deli	Ceylon Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th February.
Kedung via Srawat and Amoy	Van Waerwijck	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 18th Feb.
Saigon, Bangkok & Singapore	Kaijo Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 19th Feb.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Unnai Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 26th Feb.
London and Rotterdam	Hoibong	Dongas Lepak & Co.	End of February.
Bombay & Colombo	Indus Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 15th February.
London and Antwerp	Atlas Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 24th February.
London via Suez, Pang & Cbo Co.	Iyo Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 13th Feb.
Mauritius, Delagoa Bay, Durban	Unnai Maru	P. & O. B.I. & A.L.	On 12th February.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said	Sonai Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	
Takao via Srawat and Amoy	Takao Maru		

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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placed at their risk in the Horizons &

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Godown at Kowloon, where each consign

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and delivery can be obtained as soon as

the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded

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before Noon, To-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th February, 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1920.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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that their goods are being landed at

the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before

Noon, To-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th February, 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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BRITISH AIR LINES:**FACTORS INFLUENCING THEIR DETERMINATION.****ALL RED ROUTES.**

The claims of Egypt to be one of the leading aerial junctions of the future have been strongly urged lately. The position of Cairo on the "All Red" route to India and Australia, at a point where a line through Africa to the south may well break off, appears very important, even if there did not exist already the fine aerodrome at Heliopolis, a legacy of the late war. But it is possible that the thousands already sunk on Heliopolis aerodrome and the "All Red" ideal have caused a natural bias of belief in the aerial future of this place. Apart from political considerations, it is not improbable that the unsuspecting have been misled by Mercator. This eminent geographer rendered a great service to the seafaring community by his well-known system of map projection, but therein he unconsciously laid a trap for the airfaring communities of a later age. The Mercator projection is the sole method of map-making which does not disturb the compass-truth of a map but this advantage is purchased at the cost of linal distortion. Hence, the larger the district shown by a map, the greater the divergence between true distance and apparent (i.e., scaled) distance...

Heretofore, the knowledge of this fact has been of practical utility in two ways only. Where wide stretches of ocean have been spanned either by steamship or submarine cable, the apparent direct line has been rejected in favour of the true direct line—at least, so far as other conditions (e.g., coaling stations) permit. The best-known instance of this is given by the England-New York route, which follows on Mercator's projection a curved line roughly tangential to the American coast between Newfoundland and Virginia. In general, the principle involved is as follows:—The true shortest distance between two points is the circle on the earth's surface in which the globe is cut by a plane through those two points and the centre of the globe. This circle is known as a great circle, and is drawn on Mercator's projection as a curve bulging away from the equator and with a bulge in proportion to the distance from the equator.

Since an aeroplane is free to pass over land and water alike, and only has contact with the surface at its fuel-stations, and since also the success of aerial transport is in its essence a question of speed of transit, it follows that the aerial routes of the future must tend to become parts of great circles modified possibly by prevailing weather conditions, but preferably—indeed, imperatively—unmodified by inconvenient location of fuel stations and depots.

Having recognised this fundamental, it is now possible to examine the above-mentioned cities are mapped out, we find that the following are desirable lines:—

London—New York, direct.

London—San Francisco, via S. Labrador and Winnipeg.

London—Buenos Ayres, via Cape Verde Islands.

London—Valparaiso, via Azores and Para.

London—Yokohama, via Archangel and Irkutsk.

London—Hongkong, via Riga and Omsk.

London—Bombay, via Odessa.

London—Singapore and Melbourne, via Astrakhan and Rangoon.

London—Cape Town, via Marseilles and Tripoli.

To some extent, the desirability of serving intermediate stations will render these routes untenable in practice. Also meteorological conditions may render modification desirable. But the broad outlines remain, and serve to raise an important question, that of location of fuel stations.

Take, for example, the routes to China and Japan, and even, in a lesser degree, to Bombay and Singapore.

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FISH STORIES.**FOOTBALL.****UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.****"CARLISLE," 2; "AMBROSE"****"A," 1.**

A correspondent writes to the *Rangoon Gazette*: A few miles south of Mandalay there is a village on the bank of a river. There may be several villages for all I know but any way they have nothing to do with this narrative. At the village I am speaking of there is a "Feast of Fishes" every year. I had better explain that it is not the people who feast on fish, and of course the fishes do not feast on the people, but the fish feast on cakes and the people keep holiday in honour of the occasion. At that season a lot of big fish, a sort of cat-fish I suppose, make their way up the river from the Irrawaddi and pilgrims come from far and near to see them and feed them, this being regarded as a pious work. The children go down into the water and play with them. A small boy may be seen astride a big fish pretending to ride it, and strangely enough the fish does not object, seems to like it in fact; but the fish has a very spiny back fin and some venturesome piscatorial jehus have cause to regret that they did not choose a dolphin instead of a scratchy cat-fish. The girls and elder folks are content to feed the fish with rice and cakes and it is quaint to see a huge ugly mouth come up to the surface and grab a cake that somebody is holding. Then there is a tussle, the fish swirling and tugging and the person holding on tight till in a frenzy of excitement amongst the spectators, the cake breaks and the fish sinks down with its prize. When a Burman wishes to acquire merit he usually sticks gold leaf on some image or other striking object. Of course these fish are quite important people, probably "natives" in fact, and so folks stick gold leaf on their heads and one may see quite a number of shining crowns of gold bobbing about in the water while a complacent old gentleman sits on the bank and contemplates his good deeds.

Some years ago fish made quite a stir in Mandalay. Somebody was boiling for water and found it with a jerk, for it spouted up in a fountain. Of course there was nothing interesting about that, only in the water were some fish, quite a shower of them. It would seem that the drill had cut into a sort of subterranean lake with fish living in it and when the pressure was taken off, the water and some fishes shot up into the air. If I remember rightly the fish were believed to be blind. Some, I believe, were sent to Calcutta museum.

I was one day walking across the jungly scrub near Ywarcung towards the cave of the many Buddhas. The chief characteristic of the place is dust. Not a sign of water is to be found anywhere, not even well; the drinking water for the people working on the railway is brought in tanks by train. As I walked along I saw something move in the undergrowth and I gave a start when I found it was a fish. It was live fish, hopping about as if it had only just left the water. At once all sorts of possible and impossible theories came into my mind to account for it but none seemed to be at all satisfactory. The fish was not a monstrosity, nor an eel, nor anything of that sort, but just an ordinary fish. Then a shadow passed over me and, looking up, I saw a fish-hawk and an eagle wheeling about just above me. It was not so very mysterious after all.

The "Alacrity" team had extraordinary good luck yesterday, when they met the Wiltshires on the Navy ground, and secured the two points at stake by means of two penalties.

The Wiltshires showed their superiority early in the game and before their

opponents were aware of the fact that the match had started, they were in enemy territory and were subjecting the goalie to a "hot bombardment".

Things became so uncomfortable for the custodian that he was forced to concede a corner to relieve the pressure.

The Wiltshires opened the scoring from this corner which was beautifully taken by their right extreme man and placed right at the goal mouth. It took the "Alacrity" men a few minutes to recover from their surprise, and then their play became more even, with both ends being visited in quick succession. Towards the close of the first half, the "Ambrose" pressed with keen determination, and the Wiltshires left back had the misfortune of handing the ball within the penalty area. From the penalty kick which was awarded, Toms equalized for the sailors. One all was the state of affairs at half time.

The second half was equally as fast as the first, with the Wiltshires again assuming the offensive, but they had very hard lines in not finding the net on two occasions when they had glorious chances of taking the lead, but the ball was shot wide. When the "Alacrity" next attacked, the Wiltshires left back again bungled by handing the ball within the penalty area.

This proved to be the undoing of his side for Toms made no mistake with the penalty kick which was awarded the sailors, and notched their second goal, and incidentally the last goal of the match, for try hard as the soldiers did, they failed to score again.

A further point of interest is that, with two exceptions—Eastern Canada and Singapore as a jumping-off point for Australia—the "All Red" ideal breaks down. The wonderful Colonial coaling-station system, in itself a wealth-producer and indirectly a source of great imperial strength, was built up on the basis that a ship cannot cross dry land. Now that the time is drawing near when aerial traffic will be of an importance comparable with marine traffic, it becomes an urgent national question to what extent the "coaling stations" of the air will fall within British territory, and thus foster the growth of British air lines.

The league table which includes yesterday's matches, is appended.

CLUBS. P. W. L. D. P. A. P.

H.M.S. "Carlisle" ... 8.7 0 1 2 3 15

H.M.S. "Tamar" ... 6.3 1 1 8 3 7

H.M.S. "Ambrose" ... 5 2 1 2 6 4 8

H.M.S. "Alacrity" ... 4 1 1 2 9 3 4

H.M.S. "Hawkins" ... 1 0 0 1 1 1 2

and Wiltshires 8 0 1 2 5 1

H.M.S. "Marion" ... 4 0 4 0 1 2 0

GOALS.

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UNION CHURCH.**ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAT-HOLDERS.**

Seabolders of the Union Church met last night at the Church Hall, Mr. J. Mitchell presiding over a fairly large attendance.

The Chairman, in moving that the report and balance-sheet be adopted, said: I am pleased to say that this has been a record year in the Church's history.

When our pastor first made the suggestion that something should be done to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the starting of this Church the Committee was pleased to agree with his proposals, and it is due to him that we are in the splendid position of

having such a magnificent fund for the benefit of the future seatholders of Union Church. We are grateful to those who before us built such a fine

Church and other premises, and we are glad to have been able to do our

duty in providing a fund, the interest of which will bring in sufficient to pay

all furlough expenses. We lost last

year a number of seatholders which

accounts for the reduction in receipts,

but we hope new residents will soon

come and fill up the vacancies. We

appeal to every attendant to give as

generously as possible to the weekly

offerings, so that our accounts at the

end of this year may be still more

satisfactory. As you are aware our

pastor will be going on leave this sum-

mer, and I am sure you all join with

me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Maccon-

achie a very good holiday. Before I

sit down I wish to refer to the absence

of our friend Mr. MacKenzie. He

has long taken an active interest in

all the Church's work, and we miss

him to-night and trust that he may

soon recover and be strong and well

again. (Applause.)

Mr. C. C. Hickling seconded and

the report and statement of accounts

was adopted.

The following office-bearers were

then elected:

Trustee: Mr. J. McCubbin.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Treasurer: Mr. C. C. Hickling.

Committee of Management:

Messrs. J. L. McPherson, J. Mitchell,

A. Stevenson, D. McNeille, D.

Templeton, J. Rodger, E. R. Dovey,

and J. McCubbin.

Ladies' Committee: Messdames J.

Chapman, J. McCubbin, C. C. Hick-

ling, J. Mitchell, J. C. Macconachie,

A. Jenson, D. Templeton, J. Muir,

E. R. Dovey, J. Macdonald, A.

Stevenson and J. Craig.

It was stated in the report that the

excess of expenditure over income

amounted to \$180.59, and the total

deficiency on current account as there

by increased to \$1,616.03. Seat-

Rents and Weekly Offerings have

both declined during the year, the fall-

ing off being \$349.50 and \$360.68

respectively. Acting upon a suggestion

put forward by the Pastor, the

Committee decided to establish a

Fund, in commemoration of the 75th

Anniversary of the Church, mainly to

provide for recurring expenses in con-

THE PERSONAL EQUATION

The human equation eternally defies exact solution, the variety of individual types is too great, and their permutation too various for any easy diagnosis; yet it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that it is perhaps more important than anything else. One individual who refuses to sink his prejudice and remains an unselvish unit in the common weal, who is intolerable, though clever, finds himself penalised, and very rightly, on this ground alone. For no man lives to himself; he must get into contact with others and make the best of his environment; refusal to do this brings speedy retribution in its train. The result is inevitable granted the premises, for we live and move and have our being as men in a world of men. Contact with some people is nearly impossible, they bristle at every pore; such a personality is always set apart to live the cloistered life in any community; he sets himself apart, and may not complain of the result he achieves. "Here brilliance may scintillate, but it is more solid and everyday qualities which count towards any end. An impossible person is a reflected individual, he cannot be digested by the mass." Hence the tragedians of genius so termed, the greater minds while preserving their gifts alive, are not prone to insist upon these, the subordinate them to living issues.

Shakespeare, for instance, contrived to elude the critics of his day, he left no personal legacy, but he left the result of his art for a perennial joy to mankind. Lesser men have achieved notoriety, some live solely by arrogant assumption, some like Johnson, by reason of their difference to the men who surrounded them. It is not that the great are superhuman, to claim this is to destroy their achievement; they were men fully human who rose to the height of their powers by dint of continual endeavour. "Any man can achieve to his limits if he will consistently try to broaden these, once past the common barriers the field is illimitable, and the possibilities endless. —Engineering.

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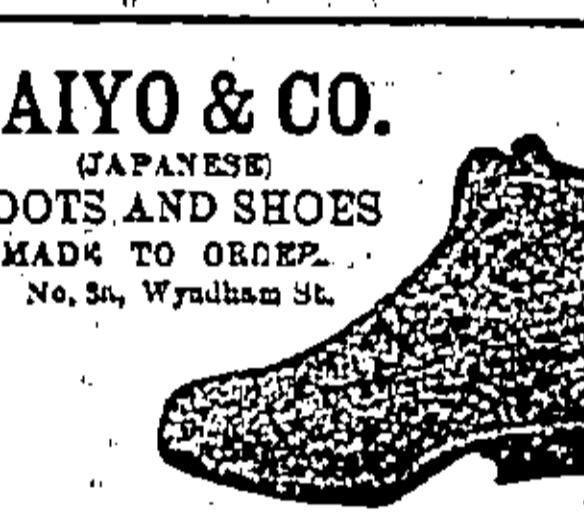
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Hongkong Banks.	\$510 s.
MARINE INSURANCE.	
Canton Ins.	\$300 s.
North China Ins.	\$160 s.
Union Ins.	\$180 s.
Yangtze Ins.	\$260 s.
Far Easterns.	\$120 s.
Fire INSURANCE.	
China Fire Ins.	\$138 s.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	\$80 s.
SHIPPING.	
Douglas.	\$89 s.
H.R. Steamboats.	\$90 s.
Indo-China (Prof.).	\$20 s.
Do. (Def.) 5% b. L. Register	
Shell Transport.	\$970 s.
Star Ferries.	\$29 s.
RAILWAYS.	
China Shui.	\$101 s.
Malabon Sugars.	\$47 s.
Mines.	
Kalian Mining Adm.	140 s.
Langkawi.	
Shanghai Loans.	T. 14 s.
Shai Explorations.	
Raids.	\$1 s.
Trough Mines.	40 s.
Ural Carpets.	\$10 s.
Docks, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.	
H. & E. Wharfs.	\$87 b.
H. & W. Docks.	\$145 b.
Shai Docks.	\$105 b. ex div.
New Engineering.	\$28 b.
LANDS, HOUSES & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estates.	\$108 s.
Hongkong Estates.	\$115 s.
Hongkong Lands.	\$104 s.
Humphreys.	\$71 s.
Kowloon Lands.	\$83 s.
Land Reclaimations.	\$123 s.
West Points.	\$53 s.
COTTONS.	
Ewe Cottons.	\$460 s.
Rung Yim.	\$46 s.
Leou Kung Mows.	\$300 s.
Mental.	\$300 s.
Shanghai Cottons.	\$311 s.
Yangtzeopos.	\$34 s.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cements.	181 s.
China-Borneos.	\$17 b.
China Lights Old 71 & New 25 s.	
China-Providents.	\$70 b.
Dairy Farms.	\$20 b. 22 s.
H.K. Electric.	\$17 s.
Macau Ins.	\$34 s.
Hongkong Ropes.	\$27 s.
H.K. Tramways.	\$72 s.
Peak Tramways (Old).	\$7 s.
do. (New).	\$80 s.
Steam Laundries.	\$34 b.
H.K. Steel Foundry.	\$10 s.
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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 28, 1919.

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DONG TOY, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 3, 1920.

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WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes

8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes

12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes

2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. 2.20 p.m.

9.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Every 30 minutes

11.45 p.m. SATURDAYS.

EXTRA CAR—12 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes

12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes

2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes

8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandre Buildings, Des Vaux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not above full running as the time stated in the Company's time-tables, but not for special cars as can be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

No Season Ticket will be issued until

A CORRUPTING TRADE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday afternoon, M. Suga, the manager of a Japanese Import and Export firm carrying on business at No. 6 Des Vœux Road Central, was charged at the instance of Chief Revenue Officer J. Wildin that he not being a registered and qualified person, did have in his possession or power, more than 16 doses of a dangerous poison, to wit, 16 ounces of morphine.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the defendant and pleaded "Guilty," but asked for a lenient sentence.

His Worship said he would like to hear what Mr. Wildin had to say.

Mr. Wildin then went into the witness box and said that he went to the defendant's office, first floor of No. 6 Des Vœux Road Central at 2.30 p.m., on the 21st inst., and asked for the defendant and was told that he was out but that he might be expected back any moment. Witness waited until 4.30, and as the defendant did not turn up, he decided to go on with the search, for which he had a warrant. In a desk, witness found one pound of morphine which was marked "Smith & Co." In the defendant's desk witness found a letter (produced), which had a lot of significance in the fact that there were only four firms which manufactured morphine, and in the letter three of these firms were mentioned. This showed that the defendant was carrying on large transactions in morphine. Witness took the drug with him and left his card with the man in charge of the office. On the following morning the defendant came to see witness at the Import and Export office, and amongst other things, the defendant admitted to witness that he was not a registered or licensed person to possess morphine. Witness then produced a certificate from the Government Analyst, certifying that the drug seized represented 16,000 official doses, and also justifying the issue of the search warrant.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$1,000, and ordered the morphine to be confiscated.

Mr. Gardiner said that as the morphine was worth \$80, he did not anticipate that the fine would exceed \$800, ten times the value of the drug.

His Worship said that the case was a serious one, and he had power to impose a \$2,000 fine.

Mr. Gardiner said that his client had only brought \$800 with him, and asked that that sum be received first on the understanding that his client would pay the balance this morning. This was agreed to. This morning the defendant paid up the balance of his fine.

EXPORTING SILVER COINS.

Sergt. Shannon this morning charged a Chinese with attempting to export nearly \$900 worth of small silver coins. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the defence and pleaded "not guilty."

Sergt. Shannon said he was sent for at about 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, and went on board the steam launch "Suiyick." There he met a Chinese constable who handed him the silver money contained in a bag and tied with the piece of rope (produced). The constable said he found the bag in the fore part of the launch, in the crew's quarters. Witness made enquiries but no one admitted ownership. Later the defendant came to the station and claimed the silver. Witness then had him charged.

The defendant said that \$340 was his own money, and the remainder was entrusted to him by some passengers to take to the country. He did not know that it was unlawful to export silver coins. He went on board on the previous night, and when he went ashore on the day the silver was discovered on the launch, he entrusted the money to one of the crew for safe keeping. He did not know why his foki hid the money.

Sergt. Shannon said the defendant acted as a runner between here and Shantou.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, who appeared to watch the case, told his Worship that it was owing chiefly to the smuggling of silver coins that the regulation was enforced.

A fine of \$250 was imposed, and the defendant was ordered to get the silver changed into notes.

BRASS THEFTS.

CONVICTION AT MACAO.

The case against Augusto Domingo Soares who was remanded at Macao last September on a charge of theft of 50 sheet of brass plates valued at \$5,000, the accused was convicted and sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton watched the proceedings in the interest of the Dock Co.

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DETECTIVE MISSING.

The Chinese detective who was charged with the theft of two opium pipe bowls from an opium divan in Praya East, when Sergt. Cockle and McFall raided the premises and arrested two armed desperadoes, failed to answer to his name when the case was called before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Inspector Kent said that the defendant had been transferred to the Central Station since the charge was made out against him.

His Worship ordered the case to stand down for enquiries to be made.

Later the inspector announced that no one in the Central Station seemed to know anything about the defendant's whereabouts.

His Worship ordered the ball of \$80 to be estreated and issued a warrant for the defendant's arrest.

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

The insured parcel post service to the province of Szechuan is suspended until further notice.

An agreement has been entered into between the Post Offices of China and Hongkong for an exchange of insured parcels.

The medium of insurance is the Franc Currency and the maximum amount for which a letter may be insured is 500 francs.

A telegram has been received from the G.P.O. London stating that there are no restrictions on the importation of sugar by parcel post into the United Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar recently sent from Hongkong have been confiscated.

Attention is again directed to the necessity for more adequate packing of parcels addressed to United Kingdom. All parcels insured and ordinary, to and from United Kingdom are now forwarded in bags and very careful packing is necessary to ensure safe transmission.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China has come into operation since the 1st January 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been resumed since the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions to the use of wireless Telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No. unofficial letter addressed to Abdan, Alwaz or Mohammorah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 6 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILED.

FRIDAY, February 6. Macao—Per SHINYO MARU. Shanghai—Per HUICHOOW.

SATURDAY, February 7. Straits—Per BEENLEVI.

MONDAY, February 9. Japan & Shanghai—Per KAMQ MARU. Straits—Per TAKADA.

OUTWARD MAILED.

THURSDAY, February 5. Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 6. Macao—Per SUI AN, 6.15 a.m.

Swatoe, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 11 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, and India via Calcutta—Per GREGORY APOAR, At Noon.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG 2 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, February 7. Macao—Per SUI TAI, 1.15 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, and North China—Per KIEN, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY, February 8. Macao—Per SUI AN, 6.15 a.m.

Swatoe, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per RAJO MARU, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, February 9. Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, and via Madras, India, Egypt and Europe—Per AGAPENOK. 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, February 10. Swatoe, and Bangkok—Per CHANG CHOW, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China—Per CHANG, 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, and via Madras, India, Egypt and Europe via MARSILLES—Per KAMOMAEU. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatoe, Amoy, and Foochow—Per HAI HONG, Noon.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 12. Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

NOTICES.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per Suwa Maru—Mr. and Mrs. J. Brodel, Mrs. H. Goldenberg, Mr. Wallace Farley, Mrs. Wm. H. Clarke, Miss L. Clark, Capt. and Mrs. Rolfe, Miss Rolfe, Dr. Miss E. G. Beatty, Miss A. Strandin, Miss B. Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mr. Rabbit, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. E. M. Stratton, Miss A. L. Zoller, Mr. and Mrs. V. Monroe, Capt. and Mrs. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Zoller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Addie, Mr. J. H. Abel, Mr. A. Rugh, Mr. La M. Arragon, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Digby, Mr. A. Recto, Mr. R. Umalt and Mr. A. G. Taylor.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. AMAZONE, (Capt. Laponesse) sailed for Yokohama via Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-day with 760 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. LINAN, (Capt. Cole) sailed for Singapore via Swatow at 10 a.m. to-day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. KWANGFAH, (Capt. Legge) sailed for Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-day with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. PYRRHEUS, (Capt. Clark) sailed for Shanghai at 7 a.m. to-day with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. HAICHING, (Capt. Stewart) sailed for Foochow via Swatow at noon to-day with 1,700 tons of general cargo.

ARRIVALS.

February 5.

The s.s. WAR SINGER, Brit., 8,211 tons, from Tarkhan Capt. Williams, A. P. Co., Tai Kok Tsui.

The s.s. GREGORY APCAR, Brit., 2,988 tons, from Kobe Capt. H. G. Ellis, Mc. Mc. & Co. A. A.

The s.s. BANYEI MARU, Jap., 2,015 tons, from Chin Wan Tsu Capt. Tomoza, Dowell B.S.

The s.s. GLENARMY, Brit., 4,658 tons, from Shanghai Capt. Jangier, J. M. & Co. A.

CLEARANCES.

February 5.

The s.s. KATSUNRA MARU, (Jap.) cleared to-day and will sail for Haiphong at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. TAIKOO WAN YI, (Brit.) cleared to-day and will sail for Hongay at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. MOORISH PRINCE, (Brit.) cleared to-day and will sail for New York via Macau and Singapore at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. SAI CHOI, (Chi.) cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. PAOTING, (Brit.) Capt. Hope, Agents B. & S., left for Hongay to-day.

The s.s. PERANANG, (Brit.) Capt. Heaney, Agents Cheung Fai, left for Singapore to-day.

The s.s. WA SUN, (Brit.) Capt. Sun Yee, Agents Wang King, left for Kung Chau Wan to-day.

The s.s. JUNO, (Dutch) Capt. De Boote, Agents A. P. C. left for Canton at 3 p.m. to-day.

FIRE ENQUIRY.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co.'s R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Kobe on 3rd Jan. a.m. left there 3rd Jan. p.m. due at Yokohama on 4th Jan.

The P. & O. B.I. & A.L. s.s. Gregory Apcar left Moji for this port on the 31st ultimo at 8 a.m. and is due here on the 4th instant at about 8 a.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. Songa left Shanghai for this port on 31st ultimo 8.30 a.m. and is due here on the 4th instant at 8 a.m.

Mr. E. J. Lewis appeared for the Insurance companies concerned, whilst Mr. A. H. Crew watched the proceedings in the interest of the Yue Fat Loong firm.

The assistant accountant of the Yue Fat Loong firm was called and in reply to Mr. Lewis said that the rice was burned to ashes. A quantity of rice bags on the ground floor escaped damage. There was a quantity of burned rice still in the godown. These were contained in gunny bags, and were stored on the ground floor. It was not unusual in a rice firm to have 600 bags of rice stored on the second floor.

By Mr. Crew: The books of the firm contained all particulars concerning the rice which was included in the claim sent to the Insurance companies. They also showed from whom the rice was purchased.

Inspector Macdonald said that at 5 a.m. on January 29, in consequence of a telephone message, he went to No. 99 Connaught Road West. The flames were beginning to spread, when he arrived, to the first, second and third floors.

After the fire had been extinguished, he examined the premises and found the whole building had been gutted. The assistant accountant of the Yue Fat Loong firm informed him that there were 2,000 bags of rice in the gutted building. There was a large quantity of rice on the ground, but it did not appear to be the remains of the estimate by the accountant. There were no signs of arson.

In reply to Mr. Lewis the witness said that the fire was fiercer on the first floor than on the upper floors.

The enquiry was, at this stage, adjourned until Saturday.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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